

# LEADER North York Moors, Coast and Hills

## LAG Executive Group Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010, 09.00 am to 12 noon

National Park Office, Helmsley.

### Present:

#### LAG Executive Members

Malcolm Bowes (Chair)	Elected	Public or non public
Peter Spencer (Vice Chair)	Appointed	Tees Valley RCC
Peter Barfoot	Appointed	NYMNPA
Liz Dowson #	Appointed	Scarborough BC
Gary Hollins	Appointed	Business
Peter Cole #	Appointed	Hambleton DC
Bill Cross*	Appointed	Rural Action Yorkshire
Will Terry	Appointed	Farming - NFU/CLA
Eleanor Dowsland	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Patrick Holdsworth	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Claire Lawrence	Elected	Environment
Vacant	Elected	Young People

#### Support Group

Julie Kidd*	North Yorkshire County Council
Rita Lawson *	North Yorkshire County Council
Mike Horrocks*	LEADER Programme Manager
Amy Thomas *	LEADER Programme Officer

\*non-voting  
# 3 members share 1 vote.

#### Attendees

Doff Pollard	Tees Valley Rural Community Council
Mary McDermott	Tees Valley Rural Community Council
Jonny Wooldridge	Rural Action Yorkshire

### 1. Apologies:

Jos Holmes#	Appointed	Ryedale DC
Phil Bustard	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Marian Wheeler	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Cllr George Dunning	Appointed	Redcar and Cleveland BC
Linda Bell	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Janette Holt	Elected	Voluntary/Community
Mairi Macintyre*		North Yorkshire County Council

### 2. Notes From The Executive Group Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010

2.1 No amendments to be made.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

- 3.1 Breakdown of spend by project type – this action point from the last set of minutes will be covered by **MAH** in the next agenda point.
- 3.2 **MB** welcomed new Executive Group member Gary Hollins who has recently been appointed as the Business representative.
- 3.3 **MAH** said the process for recruiting a new Young Persons representative is underway with some interest already being shown. It is hoped that the new Executive Group member will be elected by the end of July.

### 4. **Programme Report Verbal (NYCC and NYMNPA)**

- 4.1 **MAH** – a number of project idea forms are still being received but numbers are falling to around 2-3 per fortnight. There are however a number of projects in the pipeline being followed up and it is hoped that a number of these will fit the gaps identified. As the Project idea Form update sheet is now getting quite large, this will be circulated on a quarterly basis.
- 4.2 The Programme Annual Review is now complete and copies have been issued to Exec members. **MAH** thanked all Executive Group members and the Accountable Body for their contributions to this.
- 4.3 **MAH** provided the Executive with an outline of spend in 2009 / 10 within each measure and how approved projects fitted within our 12 priorities. The 'activity by priority' slide shows the breakdown of where projects meet priorities within measures - no huge gaps have appeared so we are doing well.
- 4.4 Actions taken from this process are:
  - Access to Basic Services – need to increase the number of smaller bids
  - Village Renewal and Development – fewer bids are required but we need to encourage more recreational diversification / tourism related projects.
  - Conservation and Upgrading of the Rural Heritage – A greater number of applications (both large and small) are needed.

**JK** circulated a spreadsheet to the Executive Group, which showed a 'Breakdown of Funding' up to and including today's projects.

**Action: MAH / AET** to email categorisation of projects by measure to NYCC pre-appraisal.

**Action: NYCC** to include information about allocated measure on the appraisal form for the Executive.

- 4.5 **JK** updated the Executive Group on the results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey undertaken as part of the Programme Annual Review. It was sent to all projects who submitted a full application and received a 68% response rate. Overall the response indicated that we are delivering the Programme to a very high standard in the eyes of applicants. A copy of the full report and questionnaire is included as an appendix at the back of the Programme Review. From the comments received there are improvements we can make and these have been incorporated into an Action Plan, some points of which

we are already working on. It was a useful exercise and will most likely be repeated in Spring / Summer 2011.

- 4.6 RL added that the Economic Development Unit had recently been reaccredited with its Customer First award.

## **5. Community Planning in East Cleveland – Doff Pollard and Mary McDermott**

- 5.1 **DP** and **MMcD** provided the Executive Group with a report on progress to date and a verbal update. The work undertaken so far has highlighted a need for capacity building which was not anticipated originally. Some communities feel that producing a plan is not appropriate or needed at this point in time and their time and energy is better spent on something different within their community. Support for a community to achieve some quick wins will help build capacity and confidence to take on future larger projects.
- 5.2 Engaging with RCBC on the level of local services to be provided has presented some difficulties as relevant departments are undergoing a restructuring process.
- 5.3 Added value has been brought to the project through the completion of a baseline study which has produced data for use within plans and future rural influencing.
- 5.4 **MB** on behalf of the Executive thanked TVRCC for the update and acknowledged the need for capacity building prior to the production of plans so they are produced in the appropriate manner, have a long lifetime and are therefore more effective.

## **6. Sustainable Community Halls – Jonny Wooldridge**

- 6.1 **JW** provided an update on progress to date with the Sustainable Community Halls project. The number of community buildings identified within the area is currently 142 (NY = 121, EC = 21) with more being identified all the time. 48 buildings have so far been involved either via one to one consultancy, mentoring, energy audits or through the training programme.
- 6.2 The number of attendees at this first round of training events has started to fall so these are currently on hold and more committees are being encouraged into the mentoring programme.
- 6.3 Energy audits have taken place and are free to community buildings in the area. The number of these able to be undertaken each year is still being discussed.
- 6.4 Ways in which to involve other community buildings are now being looked at with many being directly approached.
- 6.5 The Executive thanked **JW** for attending, and felt it was useful to gain feedback from projects.

## 7. Declarations of Interest

Project Ref.	Project Name	Exec.Member Initials
LDR/M/2010/038	Danby and Castleton Earth Heritage Project	
LDR/M/2010/052	Rural Urban Schools Twinning Project	
LDR/M/2010/053	Esk Valley Community Environment Exploration Project	
LDR/M/2010/054	East Cleveland Minibus Brokerage Project	PS
LDR/M/2010/055	Cold Kirby Community Project	

## 8. Applications for Consideration

### 8.1 LDR/M/2010/038 Danby and Castleton Earth Heritage Project

Grant requested: £14,800  
Total Project Cost: £17,200

8.1.1 The project was **rejected on the basis that:-**

**1) a significant part of the proposed application is not considered to be value for money in achieving the LEADER objectives.**

### 8.2 LDR/M/2010/052 Rural Urban Schools Twinning Project

Grant requested: £37,420  
Total Project Cost: £74,710

8.2.1 The project was **approved a LEADER grant of £37,420 with the following conditions:**

- 1) that the match funding is in place**
- 2) a feasible cash flow is agreed with NYCC**

### 8.3 LDR/M/2010/053 Esk Valley Community Environment Exploration Project

Grant requested: £15,215  
Total Project Cost: £23,590

8.3.1 The project was **rejected on the basis that:-**

- 1) the project does not represent value for money**
- 2) Community support is insufficiently demonstrated within the application.**

**8.4 LDR/M/2010/054 East Cleveland Minibus Brokerage**

Grant requested: £34,322  
Total Project Cost: £61,176

8.4.1 **PS** 'declared an interest' in this project, and left the room.

8.4.2 The project was **approved a grant of £34,322 LEADER funding.**

8.4.3 **PS** re-entered the room.

**8.5 LDR/M/2010/055 Cold Kirby Community Project**

Grant requested: £7,000  
Total Project Cost: £16,160

8.5.1 The project was **approved a grant of £7,000 LEADER funding.**

**9. AOB**

9.1 **PH** raised the subject of broadband and indicated that the new government may mean a change in policy regarding the provision of broadband in rural areas. This may mean in the future the Executive Group may need to change the way in which we view broadband projects.

9.2 **PB** is to attend an RDPE Monitoring Committee meeting next week and highlighted the potential for some cuts in the RDPE budget.

9.3 **MAH** and **CL** updated the Executive Group on the East Cleveland Small Scale Enhancements Scheme. Not much progress has been made to date but RCBC Regeneration team has a meeting today to discuss.

**Action: CL** to put latest update / information into an email which will then be circulated to the Executive Group.

9.4 **MAH** provided feedback on the first Parish Caretaker information evening held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. There was low attendance at the event but a further two are planned for Hutton Buscel on 30<sup>th</sup> June and Ingleby Greenhow on 8<sup>th</sup> July. It is anticipated that any applications received will be considered by the Executive Group in December.

**Action: MAH / AET** to write to parishes again to remind them of the forthcoming events and that there is information available on the website.

9.5 **AET** requested that any Executive Group members who still wished to attend the Project visit day on 14<sup>th</sup> July should let **MAH / AET** know as soon as possible. Finalised details will be circulated in the near future.

**10. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 9.30am, NYMNPA Offices, Helmsley.

Signature: .....

Malcolm Bowes, Chair

Date:

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